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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 April 2004.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 46-48 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 46-48 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claim 46 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the article "Telesoftware: Home computing via Broadcast Teletext" by Hedger or Japanese Patent Document #55-028690 to Oono et al. in view of European Patent Document #0,112,626 to Bashour.

I. The showing of Hedger and Oono et al.:

Hedger (figure 1) and Oono et al. (figure 3) each illustrate respective TV signal interface/decoding devices which include:

- 1) Circuitry for receiving TV signals from a TV distribution network wherein the received TV signals include computer software (i.e. Telesoftware) embedded therein during unused lines of the VBI, whereby signaling embedded during the VBI was known to have caused substantially no visual interference to TV signals when displayed;
- 2) Circuitry for receiving the TV signals and for extracting the embedded software therefrom, wherein the extracted software represents video-game software;
- 3) A programmable computer which loads and runs said video-game software to "play" said video game.

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II. Differences:

In the systems disclosed by Hedger (figure 1) and Oono et al. (figure 3), the TV receiver's display was used to display the video-game thereby causing at least some "interference" with the display of the normal TV programming.

III. Obviousness:

Bashour (e.g. figure 1) has been cited to show that it was known in the art to have provided such TV signal interface/decoding devices with additional/second display circuitry (e.g. @ 2) to enable the embedded data service (e.g. such as a video game) to be displayed without disturbing the display of normal TV signals of the TV receiver's display [note lines 13-20 on page 1 and lines 1-4 on page 2]. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to have modified the interface/decoding devices of either Hedger (figure 1) or Oono et al. (figure 3) with an additional/second display element to avoid interferences to the normal TV broadcast as was shown to be both known and desirable by Bashour.

3. Claim 47 and 48 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the article "Telesoftware: Home computing via Broadcast Teletext" by Hedger or Japanese Patent Document #55-028690 to Oono et al. in view of European Patent Document #0,112,626 to Bashour for the same reasons set forth above for claim 46.

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4. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

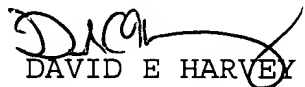
A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

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5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to DAVID E HARVEY whose telephone number is (703) 305-4365. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F from 9AM to 6PM

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Miller, can be reached on 703 305-4795. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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